



## AC CAREER PATH (AW)



Air Traffic Controllers (AC) are responsible for the safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of aircraft in control towers, RADAR facilities, and air operations facilities ashore and afloat. Deployable on carriers (CVN), amphibious assault ships (LHD/LHA), tactical air control squadrons (TACRON), and as Army/Marine Corps augmentees (OSA/IA).					
YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/ SHORE FLOW*	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
28-30	ACCM	23 Yrs	CMC	Not Defined	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Shore Tour (36 mos) Billet: NAS/ NAVREP/Training and Readiness/Fleet Liaison/Staff. Duty: LCPO/TYCOM/Liaison.
24-27	ACCM ACCS	23 Yrs 20	CMC, Command SCPO	Not Defined	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Shore Tour (36 mos) Billet: NAS/NAVREP/Training and Readiness/Fleet Liaison/Staff. Duty: LCPO/TYCOM/Liaison.
21-24	ACCM ACCS ACC	23 Yrs 20 14.3	CWO, CMC, Command SCPO	Not Defined	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Shore Tour (36 mos) Billet: NAS/ FACSAC/ NAVREP. Duty: Instructor Duty/ LCPO/ Branch Chief. Qualification: NEC 6931/6932/6933/ 6934/6935/9502.
					2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sea Tour (36 mos) Billet: CVN/LHA/LHD/TACRON. Duty: CATCC Sup/AATCC Sup/ TACCWO. Qualification: NEC 6932/ 6933/ 6934.
18-21	ACCS ACC AC1	20 Yrs 14.3 8.7	LDO, CWO, OCS, MECP, Command SCPO, RDC, Recruiter	Not Defined	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shore Tour (36-60 mos) Billet: CVN/LHA/LHD/TACRON. Duty: CATCC SUP/AATCC SUP/ TACCWO. Qualification: NEC 6932/ 6933/ 6934.
					2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sea Tour Billet: CVN/LHA/LHD/TACRON. Duty: CATCC Sup/AATCC Sup/ TACCWO. Qualification: NEC 6932/ 6933/ 6934.
13-18	ACCS ACC AC1	20 Yrs 14.3 8.7		Not Defined	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Shore Tour (36-60 mos) Billet: NAS/FACSAC/NATTC. Duty: FWS/Branch Chief/Instructor. Qualification: NEC 6931/ 6935/ 6936/ 6937/ 9502,
					2 <sup>nd</sup> Sea Tour (36 mos) Billet: CVN/LHA/LHD/TACRON. Duty: CATCC Sup/AATCC Sup/ TACCWO. Qualification: NEC 6932/ 6933/ 6934
8-13	ACC AC1 AC2	14.3 Yrs 8.7 3.8		Not Defined	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shore Tour (36-60 mos) Billet: NAS/FACSAC/NATTC. Duty: FWS/ Branch Chief/ Instructor Qualification: NEC 6931/ 6935/ 6936/ 6937/ 9502.
					1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Sea Tour (36 mos) Billet: CVN/LHA/LHD/TACRON. Duty: Case III Marshal/Approach CATCC/AATCC Sup/TACCWO. Qualification: NEC 6932/ 6933/ 6934.



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5-8	AC1 AC2	8.7 Yrs 3.8	STA-21, OCS, MECP, RDC, Recruiter	Not Defined	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Shore Tour (36-60 mos) Billet: NAS/FACSFAC. Duty: Radar Supervisor/Tower Supervisor. Qualification: NEC 6931/6935/6936/6937.
					1 <sup>st</sup> Sea Tour (36 mos) Billet: CVN/LHA/ LHD/TACRON. Duty: Air Ops Sup/Case I/III Marshal/Departure/Case III Final/TACC SUP. Qualification: None.
1-5	AC2 AC3	3.8 Yrs 2.2	STA-21, Naval Academy	Not Defined	1 <sup>st</sup> Shore Tour (36-48 mos) Billet: NAS/FACSFAC. Duty: NAS: FP/FD/GC/CD/FC/LC or AR FACSFAC: FC/SC/CD/RC. Qualification: NEC 6395/ 6936/ 6937.
					1 <sup>st</sup> Sea Tour (36 mos) Billet: CVN/ LHA/ LHD/ TACRON. Duty: Air Ops Sup/Case I/III Marshal/Departure/Case III Final/TACC SUP. Qualification: None.
1+/-	ACAN ACAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit Training and A School. *A School required rating; must pass the Airman's Written Test (AWT) to graduate.

### Notes:

1. Career Path not defined by Sea/Shore Flow; Shore Intensive Community (\*). Limited sea duty billets for E6 and above; back-to-back shore duty is common. Very few requirements for special programs (RDC, Recruiter), ACs generally not released.
2. FWS – Facility Watch Supervisor (Shore Duty) - Qualified on all operating positions in the facility and designated in writing by the Commanding Officer.
3. Approach Control Facilities/CVNs – More challenging duty stations and most difficult NECs to obtain in rating as noted below (\*\*).
4. New NECs established Aug 2011 and released to AC community Jan 2012. Awarded upon attaining actual qualification/rating in the Fleet vice previous NECs (6901/6902/6903/6904) that were awarded upon completion of applicable “C” school.

6931 – Facility Rated Terminal Radar Approach (TRACON) Controller \*\*  
 6932 – Facility Rated Carrier Air Traffic Control Center (CATCC) Controller \*\*  
 6933 – Facility Rated Amphibious Air Traffic Control Center (AATCC) Controller  
 6934 – Facility Rated Tactical Air Control Center (TACC) Controller  
 6935 – Facility Rated Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) Controller  
 6936 – Facility Rated RADAR Air Traffic Control Facility (RATCF) Controller  
 6937 – Control Tower Operator